

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
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Tool

Art Unit: Not assigned
Examiner: Not assigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to the first Office Action in the present application, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.